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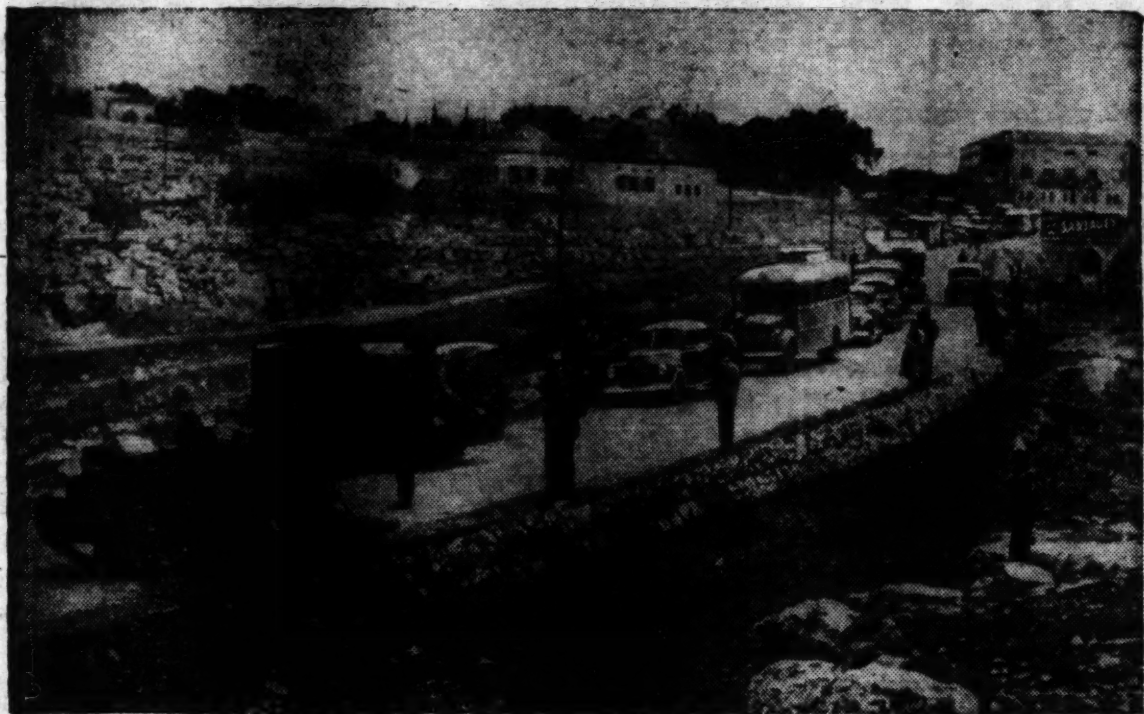
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THE BLESSINGS OF BRITISH RULE: Jerusalem traffic is tied up for a mile by British tanks, which block the road as troops search for underground workers. The cars, trucks and busses were thoroughly screened before being permitted to continue their trips to Tel Aviv or Jaffa. Reports from Palestine are that the British are installing automatic weapons in strategic locations.

British Raid Jewish Ship; Use Tear Gas

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Stool Against Eisler Worked for GLK Smith

By Helen Simon

William Nowell, a star witness against anti-fascist Gerhart Eisler, is a "labor spy and associate of Gerald L. K. Smith and other fascists," Albert E. Kahn told the Daily Worker in an interview yesterday.

Nowell's record is well known to Kahn, who made extensive personal investigations of fifth column activities in the Detroit area for *The Hour* and for *Sabotage*, which he co-authored. Kahn is also co-author of the best sellers *The Great Conspiracy* and *The Plot Against the Peace*.

Kahn recalled these unsavory items about the man whom the House Committee on Un-American Activities called in to denounce Eisler:

- Nowell worked in Detroit with Frank Norriss, fascist preacher, helping to organize storm troop bands which attacked trade union and progressive meetings.

- Affidavits secured by Kahn from Ford Motor Co. labor spies established that Nowell worked under Harry Bennett in the Ford Service (labor espionage) Department.

In this capacity Nowell helped organize

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groups of armed strike-breakers, largely from Detroit's underworld. When Ford workers launched the strike which finally organized the plant, Nowell helped bring the scabs into the buildings.

Ford dispensaries were opened to provide the scabs with drugs. They were fed liquor, supplied with women. Thus crazed, the criminals made steel knives at Ford lathes and used them against the strikers.

Bennett assigned Nowell to work with a close associate whose activities he helped to finance: Gerald L. K. Smith—Silver Shirts No. 3223, organizer of the notorious nationwide network of fifth column groups and outspoken anti-Semite who had contacts with Axis agents and propagandists.

Nowell thereafter was constantly seen in Smith's company. In frequent confidential conferences, Nowell, a Negro, helped Smith to map out his strategy on the "race" question. Smith used Nowell's advice to promote Negro-white hostility. Nowell addressed several of Smith's meetings.

"When I interviewed Smith in the summer of 1943, I confronted him with his relations with Bennett and Nowell," Kahn said. Smith admitted this was true."

Kahn summed up:

"This man who has been used as one of the star witnesses against Eisler has been a long-time associate of ruthless criminals in Detroit and an aide to one of the most dangerous fascists in the country. His complete degeneracy and unreliability has been proved.

"It is a shocking indictment of our whole governmental procedure that we can make use of such a disreputable character in a case with international implications."

Kahn yesterday wrote Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and denounced the committee's persecution of Eisler. His letter, released by the German American, anti-Nazi periodical, said in part:

"As an American and a Jew I feel a profound debt to Gerhart Eisler for his heroic, self-sacrificing struggle against fascism, and

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WORLD EVENTS

British Attack Jewish Ship With Gas Bombs

British sailors fought their way aboard the Jewish refugee ship Negev in Palestine waters yesterday. The 620 refugees fought back against the boarding party with broken bottles and iron bars. The British hurled cannisters of tear gas onto the decks of the packed ship.

Refugees threw three of the cannisters into the sea. The officer leading the sailors then ordered his men to fire over the heads of the refugees and they were finally quelled.

One British officer was wounded in the hand one other sailor was slightly injured. One refugee received a serious leg injury and 3 others were injured.

British authorities announced that the 620 refugees would be deported to the Island of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean like all

others seized since last Aug. 12. The intercepting British warships turned the Negev toward the big Palestine port of Haifa for transfer of the immigrants to a deportation ship.

In protest, the Jewish Community of Haifa called a two-hour general strike from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

British military authorities tightened their grip on Palestine, suspending all train service between Jerusalem, Lydda and Tel Aviv in preparation for the expiration today of a seven-day ultimatum demanding the Jewish community help to suppress the Underground.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council have given every indication of rejecting the ultimatum.

Dov Gruner, 33-year-old Irgunist sentenced to death for an attack on

a police station, yesterday asked authorities to transfer him from the death cell where he is held in Jerusalem's central prison to an ordinary cell.

"It is obvious that England cannot rule in Palestine, except by provoking and practicing terror," the Beth Din of America declared yesterday.

"We call upon Great Britain to abdicate her rule in Palestine in the interests of peace, freedom and self determination of peoples."



Power Off In British Fuel Crisis

All electric power was cut off in thousands of England's factories at 12:01 a.m. today (7:01 p.m. EST Sunday) in an emergency government measure to save fuel.

Today in Parliament Winston Churchill and his Conservatives are considering the introduction of a vote of censure blaming the government's nationalization projects for the crisis.

At 9 a.m. a 100 percent power cut will extend, for five hours a day, to millions of homes, stores, restaurants, business establishments, banks—even to doctors' and dentists' offices.

Upwards of 2,000,000 workers were thrown out of their jobs in the first phase of the cut. Up to 3,000,000 more may be affected.

It was the greatest crisis, political as well as industrial, in the 19 months of the Labor government.

Hardship was intensified by the heaviest snowfall of a bitter winter. The cut for factories is 24 hours a day. Other electric power users, including most of the schools, will be affected from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

About 25 absolutely essential services, ranging from bakers and newspapers to waterworks, will be exempt.

No Italy Gov't Can Bar Party, Communists Say

No anti-Communist government is possible in Italy, the Italian Communist Party executive committee declared yesterday.

A communique published in the Communist newspaper *Unita* said: "The solution of the (cabinet) crisis is an undeniable success of the Communist Party since all attempts to isolate the Communists on a parliamentary and government plane have failed."

"It has been demonstrated again that today any democratic government having authority and prestige before the people and before the constituent assembly, which excludes Communists from its membership, or even worse, wishes to be a government of struggle against the Communists is not possible."

In the 13 days of political crisis that preceded the formation of the cabinet last Sunday, Premier Alcide De Gasperi tried to get along without the Communists. He failed.

The Communists, who have mobilized 2,225,000 active members in Italy since the liberation, received the public works, transportation and justice ministries in the present cabinet.

Scores of Tommies, Girls, Die In Berlin Night Club Fire

BERLIN, Feb. 9 (UP).—Fire flashed through a German nightclub in the British sector off Berlin late last night. Eight hundred Tommies and frauleins and German couples who were gaily dancing at a fancy dress ball stampeded in panic for the exits. Bodies piled up like cordwood at the doors and the fire engulfed them.

Tonight, Paul Markgraf, Berlin police president, said 81 bodies, including eight British soldiers, had been recovered. He said there were bodies in the wreckage and embers, but the weather was near zero and he did not expect more to be dug out tonight. The German news agency DPA said the death toll "will perhaps reach 100."

Hospitals reported that more than 100 others, including five British soldiers, were burned or otherwise injured.

Women were trampled underfoot, survivors said, and the crush at the exits killed more than the fire itself. Bodies were horribly burned, however, because after they had piled up they remained in the fire until it burned out.

The fire started in the ceiling, seemingly from a stovepipe that had got redhot. It whooshed out across the ceiling—almost as though it had been doused with benzine, one survivor said—and licked down the walls.

Anglo-US Trusts Draining Reich, Pravda Says

Pravda, Soviet Communist organ, charged yesterday that the United States and Great Britain already had received from Germany "hidden reparations" totalling more than \$10,000,000,000—the amount of Russia's reparations claim.

The article, first written by David Melnikov for the Soviet magazine *New Times*, accused the U.S. and Britain of taking this amount in products, patents, gold, jewelry, ships and German assets abroad.

"It becomes more and more evident that the aim of the Anglo-American reparations policy is to capture key positions in western German economy and make it permanently and fully dependent on Anglo-American monopolies."

"It is clear why Anglo-American occupation authorities are interfering with reparation supplies of equipment from the western zones, foreseen by the Berlin agreement."

ANTI-SOVIET DRIVE PERILS LIVES OF JEWS—NOVICK

The present anti-Soviet campaign will bring the extermination of the Jewish people if not checked, Paul Novick, editor of the *Morning Freiheit*, warned yesterday. Novick has just returned from an eight-month tour of Europe, where he talked to Jewish survivors in Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, the Ukraine and White Russia.

"The fascists slaughtered five to six million Jews in the last war," Novick told a crowded Manhattan Center meeting. "A second attack on the Soviet Union and the progressive nations of eastern Europe, in which the anti-Semites would take part, would mean death for millions more."

Certain Jewish language newspapers here have a special responsibility for these deaths of many Jews in Nazi camps, the *Freiheit* editor charged. Many Jews, who had been given refuge from the Nazis in the Ukraine and White Russia, when Hitler invaded Poland, were reluctant to accept Soviet offers to evacuate them into the interior, Novick explained.

They were influenced by anti-Soviet propaganda from overseas, the survivors told Novick. Clippings from American Jewish papers, with vicious anti-Soviet stories, helped to deter thousands of people. They stayed and were murdered.

Many more, however, let themselves be saved. And more than a million Jews who had come back from the interior, were helping to rebuild the Ukraine, when Novick arrived.

And in Poland the Jewish survivors were firmly uniting with the patriotic government forces that are rebuilding that country.

Poland's only danger comes from the British and American forces who are intervening in behalf of the

Churchmen For US-USSR Accord

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, leading Protestant clergyman, announced yesterday that prominent religious leaders have joined in the formation of an inter-faith committee to make information about Soviet Russia available to the American people. The new committee, which will work with the American Russian Institute, will be headed by Sockman, minister of Christ Methodist Church here. Dr. Stanley I. Shuber of the Northern Baptist Convention is secretary.

"I can think of no more important issue in America today than the question of our relations with the Soviet Union, for therein lies the peace of the world," Dr. Sockman said. "Basic is a mutual understanding of one another's hopes and fears."

fascist underground, said Novick. "Another Kielec pogrom is in the making if the parachuting of Anders' underground leaders and supplies continues," he said.

British and American anti-Soviet conspiracies are persistent, said Novick. He told of seeing a copy of a document by Ambassador Lawrence Steinhardt, America's envoy to Czechoslovakia, urging the defeat of the workingclass tickets in the recent election.

More than 1,400 attended the meeting. J. Fried, *Freiheit* managing editor, was chairman.



KESSELRING FACES WAR CRIMES TRIAL

ALBERT KESSELRING, Nazi commander in Italy, goes on trial today before a five-man British military tribunal in Venice. He is accused of ultimate responsibility for the reprisal executions of hundreds of Italian citizens.

TRAIN WRECK in Romania killed 20, injured 42.

FILIPINO LEGATION will open in Madrid, President Manuel Roxas announced—as other countries are conforming to a UN decision that top diplomatic personnel should be withdrawn from Franco Spain.

COL. JACK DURANT faces

court martial in Washington today on charges of helping to steal \$1,500,000 of Hesse royal crown jewels. Most of the loot is still missing.

TUBERCULOSIS threatens Germany's population, with 85,000 of the 100,000 already diseased in the American zone unable to get into hospitals, Gen. Joseph T. McNarey warned.

FIVE TREATIES formally ending World War II for Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland will be signed in the historic "gallery of peace" at the Quai d'Orsay—the French Foreign Office today.

Reason for the Delay

By Alan Max

As we understand our State Department's position we are unwilling to disarm until we have enough atomic bombs on hand to make disarmament worthwhile.

LABOR and the NATION

Subway Riders to Picket Hearing; Communist Spokesmen to Testify

Consumer picket lines will surround City Hall at 10 a.m. today to protest any attempt to boost the subway fare. The Board of Estimate hearing inside will also be jammed by subway riders, it was announced yesterday by the New York City Consumer Council. As the hearings open,



Rocky Kayoed: Stunned by the New York Boxing Commission's revocation of his license, middleweight Rocky Graziano slumps forward on a table in the State Building in New York City. The National Boxing Assn., which rules the ring outside of New York, will also consider the fighter's failure to report bribe offers, which prompted the suspension order here. Objecting in vain to the decision is Rocky's lawyer, Jacob Rosenblum.

Henderson, Wyatt Ask Truman Pledge To Veto Rent Rise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Co-chairmen Leon Henderson and William W. Wyatt of the Americans for Democratic Action tonight urged President Truman to spearhead a fight against the "landlord lobby" by warning Congress he will veto any bill granting an across-the-board rent hike.

Henderson recommended in a letter that Truman make his position "crystal clear" in a nationwide radio address.

"The landlord lobby's campaign (for a 15 percent rent increase) represents a new, flagrant attempt to sacrifice the interests of the many to augment the profits of a few," they wrote.

The letter was made public as a Senate Banking Subcommittee began weighing the landlords' pleas for higher rents against recommendations by the President, consumers, veterans and labor organizations, among others, that controls be extended another year beyond June 30.

Chairman C. Douglas Buck (R-Del.) expects the group to have its own bill ready for consideration by the full committee not later than Feb. 21. Pending proposals range from a GOP bill to kill rent controls to a Democratic measure to extend them "as is" until June 30, 1948.

New York's plain folk rallied to save the five-cent fare. Hundreds of people's organizations are scheduled to appear before the Estimate Board to oppose the 10-cent fare lobby of real estate interests. The New York State Communist Party

announced yesterday that 250,000 leaflets were being distributed at subway entrances throughout the city. The Communist leaflet urges New York citizens "to turn out by the thousands at City Hall" today, tomorrow and Wednesday to oppose any fare rise.

Communist spokesmen at the hearing will be the Party's two City Councilmen, Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione, and S. W. Gerson, legislative chairman.

The Citizens Committee to Save the Five Cent Fare yesterday urged the people to take a direct hand in the fight by attending the hearings. The Committee is distributing 700,000 leaflets today urging the city's straphangers to wire their protests to Mayor O'Dwyer.

"Our aim," Dr. William J. Schieffelin, Committee chairman said, "is to get every citizen in our city involved in this crusade. Every family have its living costs increased \$75 to \$100 per year if the 10c. fare goes through. Their voice and feelings in this matter are paramount."

The effect of a doubled fare on the health of the city's children was raised yesterday by the Citizen's Committee on Children of New York.

"We all fought for the free lunch program in our schools," the Committee statement says, "because we knew that children would not get enough to eat without it. Are we now going to take away their breakfast money? If the subway budget for the family is to be doubled, it can only come out of the milk and vegetable allowances for the children."

The executive board of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, unanimously voted opposition to a fare rise, it was announced yesterday by Richard McCann, the local's president.

McCann will represent the union's 20,000 members at the fare hearings.

In a wire to Governor Thomas E. Dewey yesterday, Eugene Connelly, American Labor Party Councilman from Manhattan, demanded that the governor state his position on the five-cent fare.

Straphangers Versus The Bankers

By Michael Singer

When the gong rings for the biggest all-out public battle in city history at 10:30 a.m. today, 6,728,854 daily subway passengers will be in one corner against a handful of

politicians, real estate moguls, Wall Street financiers and Gov. Dewey. By the time the last round comes up, the straphangers should know whether subway rides will cost from \$30 to \$50 a year more or whether they've won the 5c. fare fight.

Over the week-end the straphangers' spirits ebbed and flowed as counter developments took place. The Citizens Union, hitherto a staunch adherent of the present fare, deserted the ranks and joined the 10c. supporters. But former Mayor LaGuardia and the whole Tammany leadership came out for the nickel ride.

The real key to the struggle, however, was the extent of people's and labor representation at the hearings before the Board of Estimate. A small turnout, it was pointed out, might make turnstiles rotate only by a dime or a "compromise" six or eight cent token.

Mrs. Hilda Schwartz, secretary to the Board of Estimate, revealed on Saturday that of the 285 organizations listed for the hearings, 185 will demand retention of the fare, 94 will ask for an increase and six will merely present "financial statistics" without commitment.

This is approximately a 2-1 ratio in favor of the people, but the State Chamber of Commerce announced that 100 civic and taxpayers' groups had joined the Committee for subway-at-cost-service and would present united demands for a 10c. ride.

Opposing this big business crowd was the Citizens Committee to Save the Five-Cent Fare, which last Friday appealed to Mayor O'Dwyer for moving the hearings to an armory capable of holding 10,000 spec-

tators. Three days earlier Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione had made the same request. Both will testify at the hearings.

The fight is by no means a certain one. O'Dwyer has made gestures in the past, against the increased fare advocates. But the only way the people can beat back the Een Centers is for them to jam the hearings and present such a tremendous united front that the mayor will echo their demands in his final decision.

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WHAT'S ON

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Philadelphia

LENNIN MEMORIAL Mass: Rally in defense of trade unions Friday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m. "Mel" Brand and Fayol Sts.

Conn. Local Votes Down Mine, Mill Secessionists

Special to the Daily Worker

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 9.—The secessionists in the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers were definitely blocked today when Ansonia's large American Brass local voted by secret ballot against the attempt of officials to withdraw it from the union.

At the same time a large membership meeting of the Bridgeport Brass Co. local expressed here enthusiastic loyalty to the international union, in defiance of local officials who proclaimed its withdrawal.

Ansonia's secret ballot vote was so arranged in which district officials leading the secessionists were repudiated. The

vote there was 299 for the international and 294 for the secessionists.

A similar secret ballot held at the second most important local of American Brass, at Torrington last Friday, gave the loyal forces 707 to 304 for the secessionists. The results were viewed a decisive turn, with the deposed district leaders John J. Driscoll and John J. Manowski now on the defensive. They

had counted on their dictatorial control of the brass locals to give them an easy victory.

The Bridgeport Brass local was set to vote today against withdrawal, but an eleventh hour injunction was obtained by the Driscoll forces to prevent a vote. The meeting thereupon declared itself only in recess until court decisions cleared the way for such a vote.

ACA'ers to Visit Capitol on Bills

CIO American Communications Association shops in the New York area will send delegations to Washington to speak out against anti-labor bills, it was announced yesterday.

The elected delegates will be in the Capital Feb. 24, 25, 26. Thirty-five or more volunteers will also go at their own expense.

'Conscience Fund' Tops Million Bucks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—More than \$1,000,000 had dribbled into the treasury tonight from persons troubled by their conscience on the legal advice of an attorney.

THE BILLS AIMED AT LABOR

7. A Niagara of Deceit vs. a Trickle of Truth

By George Morris

THE anti-labor program of Big Business is being sold to Americans under the most clever type of propaganda ever conceived by demagogues. The pending bills to strangle labor and smash both its economic and political bargaining power, are not even referred to as anti-labor measures. Their backers even speak in the name of labor. In the earlier articles of this series we have seen how:

The bill to bar industry-wide bargaining and smash unions into small, ineffective units, is called a bill "to curb union monopolies."

Legislation to outlaw union security—the closed shop, union shop and maintenance of membership—is called a measure for "the right to work."

Amendments to the Wagner Act designed to kill it and open the doors to company unionism are called "reforms" to "equalize labor and management."

A scheme to limit the strike weapon by "cooloff" and legalize negotiation stalling by employers, is called a plan to "make unions bargain collectively."

Bills designed to restore the federal injunction and anti-trust suits against unions are called measures to "stop coercive picketing."

Measures to hamstring unions through a network of government regulations, fines and threats, are called laws to "make unions responsible."

A ban upon strikes in most basic industries is called "protection of the public welfare."

They Speak 'For Labor'

So it runs through the entire pattern of reactionary publicity. It is out for the unthinking minds, and especially of those who have little direct knowledge of labor-management relations. The McGraw Hill Publishing Co., for example, is an outlet for a tremendous amount of this clever deceit. It is clever because it has a plausible ring.

The McGraw-Hill publication factory, for example, has been feeding writers and commentators on the alleged "causes and cures" of the "labor crisis." That publication's January issue itemizes the objective of every anti-labor bill now pending in Congress under the general heading across its pages, "What Factory Workers Want in Labor Legislation."

The magazine even makes the claim that polls taken by managements at factories substantiate its right to speak for the workers. The spokesmen of the trusts are displaying such audacity because they have been allowed to get away with it.

Where Is the Counterattack?

Labor has not yet taken real measures to expose the clever demagoguery of the reactionaries. Labor's mass education is only a trickle compared to the Niagara of lies pouring out for reaction.

Unless labor unions do take real measures to reach the general public the minds of the trusts will become dangerously poisoned by the deceitful slogans of the trusts.

The CIO has only made beginnings in counteracting the poison. But it has not yet penetrated the shops and communities around the plants. It has not yet become strong enough to defeat the paralyzing illusions that employers sow among the workers.

As for the AFL, the picture in its ranks is even worse. The dead hand of bureaucracy is so heavy in many of its unions that mobilization of the membership in defense of the organization is often a serious problem.

Unions have not yet begun to pour out hundreds of thousands of dollars for newspaper ads, radio broadcasts, or such other means of education.

And yet, when a union on strike engages in a fight for its life, sister unions will come through with immense sums of relief money—even a day's pay a head. Just one dollar from every CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood member would be enough to pay for an appreciable counter-attack against reaction.

Would this counter-attack come from headquarters of a joint labor committee, its effect would be manifold. Confusing as corporation propaganda may be among the people at large, labor's inability to present a united front even as it faces a life and death fight, is beyond the understanding of even the best friends of unions.

Americans far beyond the trade union sphere have in recent years learned to regard the labor movement as the backbone of democracy. Its growth paralleled progress for all common people in town and country.

Labor has on many occasions warded off attacks, thanks to the support of its allies. But there is a great danger today that monopoly-paid deceit will strain relations between labor and its friends.

That danger could be met only if joint labor action replaces the present division, and if the resources of labor are pooled for a vigorous defense.

Negro History Week Begins

The 1947 observance of Negro History Week was ushered in yesterday. The annual celebration, initiated several years ago by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, distinguished Negro scholar has become a nationwide event.

A breakfast at the Grand Street Boys Club was addressed by Dr. Ralph Bunche, Negro U. S. representative to the United Nations, and State Department executive. Over radio station WCBS, the Wings Over Jordan program featured the announcement of the 1946

Honor Roll of Race Relations. An afternoon tea-symposium at Lincoln-Douglass Community Center heard Dr. Alphaeus Hunton, of the Council on African Affairs, and Doxie Wilkerson of the People's Voice.

In the evening at Harlem Solidarity House, 124 W. 124 St., Percy Greene, editor of the Jackson Miss. Advocate told of initiating the recent investigation of Bilbo's election fraud and intimidation of Negro voters.

Citizens Union, City CIO Rap Anti-Minority Party Bills

The Citizens Union and the City CIO yesterday announced strong opposition to bills aimed at minority parties now before the State Legislature. Two bills, introduced by Assemblyman Brees and State Senator Williamson, are among those to be considered at a public hearing in Albany tomorrow, before the Joint Legislative Committee on Elections.

The Citizens Union urged defeat of the Brees bill as an "extremely dangerous" measure. The bill would bar a candidate from designation as the candidate of a political party who is not an enrolled member of that party.

The Williamson measure, which was not mentioned in the Citizens Union statement, would raise the number of required independent nominating petitions from 12,000 to 25,000, and would require a political party to poll 250,000 votes in a gubernatorial election to get on and stay on the ballot, instead of the present 50,000.

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CURRAN, MILLS REELECTED TO HEAD CITY CIO COUNCIL

The Greater New York CIO Council, central body for 300 CIO local unions with an aggregate membership of 600,000, today announced results of its elections of Council officers for 1947.

Re-elected without opposition for their eighth consecutive terms were: for president, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union and vice-president of the National CIO; for secretary-treasurer, Saul Mills, executive commit-

tee member of the Newspaper Guild of New York.

Elected as Council vice-presidents, who with Curran and Mills will make up the Council's administrative committee were: Sam Burt of the Fur & Leather Workers; Ewart Guinier, United Public Workers; Arthur Osman, United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees; Michael J. Quill, Transport Workers Union; Aaron Schneider, United Office & Professional Workers; Murray Weinstein, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; and Ruth Young, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers.

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Judge Picard's Opinion

WITH a lordly air, Federal Judge Picard dismisses the portal-to-portal pay suit of the Michigan pottery company employees.

His opinion calls the workers' demand for 15-minute walking time "picayunish." The Judge is free and easy with the labor-time of American workers.

Judge Picard's opinion doesn't settle the matter. Even he admits that more-than-20 minutes time of preparation for work would call for payment.

The suits of American labor for payment for time consumed in work preparation still stand.

The portal-to-portal suits are only part of the fight of American labor for better working and living conditions. The over-all wage fight will be decided by Labor's organized strength, and not by Court decisions alone.

Stassen's 'Liberalism'

NO ONE should be kidded by the verbal arguments between presidential aspirants Harold E. Stassen and Robert A. Taft at Senate Labor Committee hearings.

They engaged in some hair-splitting over the most effective ways to hamstring labor. But calling Stassen's 10-point program "liberal" should emphasize how far labor's enemies are planning to go.

We are confronted with the usual attempt to palm off the REAL program of reaction under the guise of "liberalism." Stassen's program embraces all the basic points of the reactionary Taft-Ball-Smith bill, and more.

He would whittle down the Wagner Act to give employers a hand in the choice of a union. He would furnish loopholes for scrapping the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act under the guise of a ban on mass picketing. He would outlaw hiring through the union and force a "cooling off" system upon labor to weaken the strike weapon where employers refuse to negotiate.

Stassen would further require a government-supervised strike vote with union and non-union workers voting; a government ban on "jurisdictional" strikes that would be open to misuse against legitimate unions; a similar ban



Stassen and Taft "clashing" in Washington.

on "secondary" boycotts that could be very harmful to legitimate labor policy; forbid unionization of foremen and "supervisory" employees, and he would require unions to register.

Big Business should have no serious quarrels with Stassen. Whatever displeasure their spokesmen do express is only for political maneuvering.

It is ridiculous to conceive of a "liberalism" that would make any concessions to the labor-baiters. Even the AFL's Executive Council, which is anything but liberal, has been forced to declare vigorous opposition to "all" anti-labor proposals.

Stassen's program proves that labor can have no truck with its "liberal" enemies. It should give added weight to the organization of a coalition of all forces in labor's ranks and of those other groups of the population that good grounds to fight the trusts.

Only that kind of popular united front will stay the occasional executioners of labor.

LIBERTY UNDER SUBPOENA



Press Roundup

LaGuardia Urges Fight For Nickel Fare

FM's Fiorello LaGuardia warns the public not to fall for the 10c fare. The ex-Mayor says that courage will be needed to fight the "organized special interests," and to buck the newspapers which "will be characterizing . . . all who appear against the fare increase as 'left-wing organizations' or radicals."

I. F. Stone opposes using the Eisler case as "an excuse for a wave of repression that will first legalize the Communist Party and then . . . spread terror by tagging as Communist conspirator any and every progressive. But he puts the blame on the Communists and advises the Russians to drop the "Comintern," and the American Communists to come "fully into the open" and end "all the penny-dreadful hole-in-the-wall playing-at-revolution."

THE MIRROR's Ruth Alexander can't understand why Communists direct their main fire against businessmen and not highly-paid folks in show business. "Our businessmen are not only our greatest public servants but they are our greatest humanitarians," she asserts.

THE TIMES praises Federal Judge Frank A. Picard for reversing his earlier decision granting back pay in the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co. portal-to-portal case. It trusts organized labor can never again win anything through law proceedings.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN goes Baruch one better and says America should "under no conditions" give away the atom bomb secret. That would lead to an atomic armament race with Russia, it declares. As if there wasn't such a race with umpteen countries right now just because of the ominous secrecy.

THE NEWS backs Secretary Krug's proposed billion dollar look-see into America's mineral resources "to fight to victory in that next war. . . ."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE approves Secretary of State Marshall's first declaration of policy as "a promising beginning."

A REPLY TO I. F. STONE ON THE EISLER CASE

By Joseph Starobin

I. F. STONE, OF THE NEWSPAPER PM, believes that everybody should do some hard thinking about the Gerhard Eisler case. He believes it "would be well if in Moscow there were some serious thinking about the Eisler case," and he also believes that American Communists "would be well advised to pause and think."

Evidently, the only man who is exempt from thinking is—I. F. Stone himself.

I have too much respect for Stone as a man and a journalist to pull any punches when I believe his thinking is ridiculous and dangerous, as yesterday's exhibit in PM shows.

Stone admits that the Eisler affair "may prove a Reichstag fire in that it may provide an excuse for a wave of repression that will first legalize the Communist Party and then, with all Communist driven underground, spread terror by tagging as Communist conspirators any and every progressive." And Stone is fully aware that this would be a heavy blow to peace and democratic advance.

If this is so, you might expect him to denounce the un-American committee. His journalistic talent, you would think, could help expose the Eisler frame-up which threatens him—as well as us.

But the sorry spectacle is that he accepts the un-American committee's arguments, lock stock and barrel. In the company of Rep. John Rankin, he says that no sophisticated person credits the dissolution of the Communist International. Like J. Parnell Thomas, Mr. Stone believes the Communists are "playing at revolution." Like Rep. Karl Mundt and Louis Budenz, Mr. Stone says the Kremlin is the place where all this must be faced.

AS HE KNOWS very well, the American Communists are not playing (as he charges) at "penny-dreadful" or "hole-in-the-wall" politics.

We are a legal party. We stand on our own feet, as "free men in a country still free," and we have been doing that for a time long time.

The American Communists have no apologies to make to other American progressives; our record

compares very favorably with theirs; and they will have to examine their own consciences if they feel embarrassed by our activities.

We have fought the good fight in fair weather and foul. We helped build the industrial unions; we helped secure social insurance; our men went to fight and die on the fields of Spain; we did our bit, like all other patriots, to win victory over fascism. We have made our mistakes, and we have a long way to go. But we have no apologies to make to any other workers in the vineyards of progress.

We never have played, and do not now, play at revolutions, as Stone very well knows. Revolution is a basic American right, prescribed in the documents of the Founding Fathers; but revolutions are made by the majority of people, not by groups or parties.

We are entirely in agreement with the effort of the democratic majority to bring about peaceful social change; if reaction can be prevented from subverting American democracy by the peaceful massing of America's overwhelming majority, we support that effort 100 percent.

AMERICAN COMMUNISTS have not been members of the Communist International since Nov. 1941, when we anticipated its dissolution by two years.

We do not apologize for our past membership in this erstwhile fraternity of workingclass parties which helped save humanity from fascism.

We are not ashamed of this brotherhood that produced the parties of men like Dimitroff, Tito, Thorez, Togliatti, Mao Tse-tung and Luis Carlos Prestes; their record can be matched with that of all non-Communist progressives.

But American Communists were among the first to realize that the age of the International had come to an end. We were public members of it. We publicly withdrew. If it ever reforms (which I doubt and would oppose) Mr. Stone will not have to learn about it from

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

THOSE BIG ROLLS of paper haven't fought their way through the upstate snow yet, so this sports "page" will have to skirt once lightly around the Business Directory and call it a day. Which means Brother Bill Mardo's second article on the history of Negroes in American sports will have to be held for tomorrow, and this piece will have to touch on some of the late Saturday night results that ordinarily go elsewhere.

But first—because the event took place two weeks ago and no New York paper has yet carried the facts—here's something we've learned about that obscure Buffalo donnybrook involving LIU and Canisius. Seems the trouble all started when a group of spectator-commandos who must have spent the war in Buffalo reading Mein Kampf shouted "Jew Bastard" at Nat Miller when the little LIU speedster got within earshot. Miller, was almost killed fighting with the 83rd Infantry in the ITO and bears a shrapnel wound clear across his chest, tried to bolt into the stands to get at the brave men, and so did teammate Art Tropin, but they were restrained by other LIU players.

The play got a little rough and there was an exchange between the rival centers in the pivot, Dick Holub's elbow butting Muller in the mouth and Muller later sneaking in a rabbit punch that floored Dick. The same group of spectators kept up their nasty chatter, "unheard" by several pensive Buffalo cops standing nearby, and when Irv Horn of the angry Brooklyn team sent a Canisius player sprawling with some body contact two minutes from game's end, the hoodlums spectators poured onto the court. Coaches Bee, Picarillo and Kean were struck repeatedly, and as the overwhelmed LIU men fought back several of them took some nasty blows from the front and from behind.

From first hand accounts, it appears there was no trouble between the players themselves until the group of foul-mouths started popping off. Then several of the angry LIU boys understandingly but not wisely played a little more hard than skillfully. Canisius plays LIU in a return game at the Garden next Tuesday night and the boys will undoubtedly confine themselves to basketball as usual. Anybody with the price can buy tickets to a game. If the thugs who are no more representative of Buffalo sportsmanship than of Canisius University decide to come down next week, they would be well advised to keep their swastikas out of sight.

SHORT TAKES: Fordham kept in the running for a tourney spot nipping Columbia 56-55 but the Rams may have their dream ended Wednesday by St. Johns. . . . Seton Hall lost its second game, Holy Cross doing the dirty work 44-43. Bobby Wanzer went out with a sprained ankle and that hurt more than Wanzer. . . . De Paul took mighty Kentucky 53-47 in Chi. Seems Mikan has a kid brother. . . . Lionel Malamed took up where he left off against St. Josephs, scoring 23 against Hofstra as CCNY shook some rust in Hempstead 72-55. Next—Canisius at Buffalo Saturday night.

Duquesne remained one of the few authentic unbeaten, taking Akron 58-49. . . . this is an all veteran team which came back from the fighting fronts and picked up the sport for the Pittsburgh school after a three year lapse. . . . AND the bunch which voted unanimously to let Tennessee walk off the floor rather than accede to the Southern coach's request for Duquesne to bench its Negro player, a Navy vet.

SWITCHING to baseball, if you can think of baseball in this weather, the Dodgers yesterday got the signed contract of a young man you may be hearing about, if not this year pretty soon. He's John

Van Cuyk, who was a lefthanded boy wonder until he left for the wars. Came back last spring to his home at Little Chute, Wisconsin, age 25, sent to Fort Worth of Texas League, won 18 games, lost 8 and more important chalked up earned run mark of 1.42! Struck out 207 in 234 innings, hurled a one hitter and four two hitters. Sounds good, even coming from Dodger front office.

AYD Just Misses Upsetting JB

THE FIGHTING young American Youth for Democracy team fell just short of upsetting the titans of the Labor League, Fur Joint Board, losing in the last minutes 49-46 before the biggest crowd of the season at Seward Park High Saturday night.

It was a thriller that had the crowd on the edge of its seat all the way. In the last period, with five minutes to play, and AYD trailing 41-37, Ziebel caught fire and poured eight straight points through the hoop to put the youth team

ahead 45-41 and it looked like the upset was in the making. But Fritz Krichlow tied the score with two quickies, and Gevisenheit, classy leading scorer for the league leaders, sewed it up with three points in the last minute.

Tweet played a beautiful floor game for the losers against the Joint Board. Mark Goroff, league's second high scorer, was held to 11 points by tight guarding. Stewart hit for 10 to lead the well balanced, well manned winners, who have now won 6 straight. AYD has lost two close ones to the two unbeaten

leaders of the league, Joint Board and 125.

JOINT COUNCIL 'A' trimmed Shoeworkers 45-30 as the losers had to play most of the game without their star scorer, Johnny Minter, whose mother was ill. It was the third straight loss for Shoe. Weiss stood out for them with 11. For the comebacking "A" team, which lost two earlier ones and then started to come, ex-LIU star Youngelman, a sure fire bet for All League consideration, notched 20 points.

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Lincoln's Birthday Dinner: Jean Parsons, lovely actress of stage and screen, is seen here selling Vincent Sheean a ticket to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade dinner at Hotel Astor, Wednesday, Feb. 12. Standing to the right is Milton Wolff, campaign director. The Astor dinner will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Brigade.

» FILM NEWS «

YMHA Film Forums, Ivan the Terrible, Hollywood Quarterly, Photo League

By David Platt

The monthly Film Forums put on by the 92d St. Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) have become one of their most interesting attractions. At a recent meeting Julien Bryan's *People of the USSR* was shown as part of a discussion of American-Soviet relations. The speaker was Rev. William H. Melish, chairman of the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship. At another forum on Juvenile Delinquency the British film *Children of the City* was shown. Moderator for the panel of parents and children was Judge Anna M. Kross of the Home Term Court. Future film forums are planned on Labor Management Relations, Educating For a Better Tomorrow etc.

Julien Bryan, documentary film producer mentioned above, is now in the Soviet Union making a new series of 16mm films for distribution in this country. Bryan, who is executive director of the International Film Foundation, recently called his New York office that he spent several weeks in Minsk "making pictures of the rebuilding of hospitals, schools, orphanages and factories from the utter devastation of Minsk." The producer praised the cooperation he had received from Soviet authorities. "We photographed freely on the streets and bridges and had no police interference, no civilian questioning, and no hostility; only friendliness."

Soviet films *Ivan the Terrible* (Sergei Eisenstein and *The Vow*, screen story of Stalin and the Soviet people from Lenin's death to the present are being prepared for American screens, Artinko announces.

Other films which will be released here in 1947 include the color film *Life in Bloom*, story of Michurin, the Luther Burbank of Russia, directed by Dovzhenko; *Siberian Land*, also in color, directed by Piriev.

Also three historicals—Admiral Nakhimov, story of the defense of Sevastopol in 1854, directed by Pudovkin; *Bells of the Kremlin*, Song of Variag, both directed by Boris Eismont.

Films depicting contemporary Soviet life will be shown

here: *Our Heart*, directed by Stolper; *The Arrow*, by Dervinsky; *Young Guard* by Gerasimov; and *Beloved Teacher* by Stolper. The musicals include *Glinka*, life of the great Russian composer directed by Arnshtam; *Spring*, a modern musical comedy directed by Alexandrov; *Rossi Street* story of the Russian ballet directed by Ivanovsky.

Just off the press is the winter issue of *Hollywood Quarterly*, joint organ of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization and the University of California. It includes articles on psychiatry and psychology and their relation to films by Dr. Franklin Pearing and Lawrence S. Kubie. Robert Joseph and Gladwin Hill contribute articles on the American movie program in Germany. Arnold Perl's famous radio script *The Empty Noose*, about Herman Goering and the hangman's noose he cheated, is also featured in the new issue.

The Photo League (30 E. 29 St. NYC) has just opened a new exhibit titled "Sydenham Hospital." The pictures were taken by Photo League members, Sonia Handelman and Morris Huberland, in cooperation with a film unit directed by Julian Roffman, as a voluntary contribution to the Keep Sydenham Open campaign. The exhibit will run through March 1.



Aubrey Pankey, noted baritone, will give a special Lincoln's Birthday concert at Town Hall Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8:30 p.m. He will perform a varied program of works by Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Debussy and Tchaikovsky, as well as his own arrangements of a group of Negro Spirituals.

Correspondent Pleads for Peace With USSR in New Book

By Samuel Sillen

Following a post-war assignment in Japan and China for Life magazine, Richard Lauterbach travelled home via the Soviet Union. His trip from Vladivostok to Moscow is described in *Through Russia's Back Door* (Harper, \$2.75).

The book is far less interesting than his previous study of the war period, *These Are the Russians*. Both the good will and the superficial qualities of the former work are highlighted here.

Mr. Lauterbach has stitched together a number of personal impressions gathered on his long train trip. Scraps of conversation of varying interest and significance are set down in this "sound track." At the end of the volume, the correspondent enters a plea for peaceful cooperation between the U.S.A. and the USSR.

Lauterbach believes the Russians want peace and want it deeply. In this respect his book is a welcome exception to the pattern of anti-Soviet book-making today. The correspondent rejects the thesis of inevitable war. He reminds American readers that they are being misinformed by their newspapers.

"The 'stop Russia' policy of our State Department," he writes, "has

found strong backing among correspondents, editors and newspapers. I have seen reporters in the Orient dig up or cook up anti-Russian angles for their stories to make page one. If the American press has done an honest job of informing its readers about Russia, the public's knowledge of the Soviet Union wouldn't prove it."

Regrettably, Lauterbach's book does not add a great deal to that knowledge. It is the tourist rather than the trained observer that one meets on many of these pages. Certainly one feels that one is learning more about the Soviet Far East in a book like Henry Wallace's *Soviet Asia Mission* than in the present volume.

Mr. Lauterbach operates on the assumption that he will have two kinds of readers. There are the "Russia-can-do-no-wrong" people and the "let's drop-the-bomb-now crowd." He tries to mediate between the two.

But isn't this a bit naive. Nobody in this country, so far as this reviewer is aware, contends that "Russia-can-do-no-wrong." That's a red herring that J. Edgar Hoover and J. Parnell Thomas are trying to peddle these days. An interesting sidelight in this connection was a recent radio book forum in which Lauterbach was attacked as a "Russia-can-do-no-wrong" writer simply because he found some things in the Soviet Union were all right.

Certainly there is a "let's-drop-the-bomb-now crowd" in the

country, and that crowd won't like Lauterbach's book. For he does plead, at an opportune time, for peace and he does express the hope and belief that we and the Russians can get along together.

But in making that plea, he uses some curious arguments that play into the hands of the "let's-drop-the-bomb-now" boys. For example, we can rest assured, he says, that the Soviet Union will not wage aggressive war because she is so weak. "Whether Russia wants war or not is opinion," he writes. "The plain truth is that Russia is in no condition to start or conduct a major war of any kind, much less a war that would involve the United States."

So be it, say the war mongers, and that's why we ought to drop the atom bomb now before Russia gets strong—that's Argument Number One in the most aggressive circles. Actually the question of whether Russia wants war is not a matter of opinion. Nothing in Soviet history, nothing in her economic life, gives any excuse for regarding her peaceful intentions as anything but a fact, rooted in her socialist existence. And as to "weakness," should she be attacked, the Germans learned one or two things about that.

Lauterbach unfortunately keeps falling into the Time-Life manner of presenting trivial snatches of talk and local color as somehow of enormous general significance. He does not always appear to distinguish between the vivid and the vital.

Eisler Answers His Persecutors

By Joe Clark

There's a wonderful word in the German language to describe a character like Louis Budenz—Achtgroschenjunge. Roughly translated its some one who can be bought for eight farthings.

There's a wonderful pamphlet which answers Hearst's latest recruit to journalism—Louis Budenz—where I first came across that phrase for Budenz.

It is the full text of Gerhart Eisler's speech made Dec. 11 at a public meeting sponsored by the anti-fascist paper "The German American."

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For a man who has never lost his love for his native country Eisler shows that he has captured the best in the American spirit and tradition. Talking about the un-American Committee Eisler writes: "Let me remind you that the Nazi

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For a man who has been persecuted and hounded by the Nazis and is now getting a taste of something similar in America Eisler maintains a remarkable sense of humor. In discussing the nonsense that he bosses American Communists:

"Imagine for one moment the following situation: The Germans attack the Soviet Union. A delegation of American Communists come to my apartment in Queens and ask me: 'What shall we do, whom shall we support? Hitler Germany or the Soviet Union?' And then I answer: 'I don't know, I have to ask Mos-

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A simultaneous new attendance record was set at both the 55th St. and 5th Ave Playhouses with the first three weeks of Andre Malraux' *Man's Hope*.

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"Apparently the FBI made a big mistake during the war. They should not have watched the house on 92nd Street but the house on 47th Street in Queens. Hollywood should remake the picture. I know everything is big in your country, apparently also the stupidity of your agent-provocateurs and of people who believe them. Idiots' delights do not know any limitations."

For the truth about the Gerhart Eisler case we recommend Eisler Hits Back. Price ten cents. You can purchase a copy by ordering from The German American, 305 Broadway, Room 207, New York 7, N. Y.

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Maritime Union Leaders Propose to Disband CMU

A recommendation that the committee for maritime unity be dissolved was announced yesterday by the executive committee of the joint group which was established last year to strengthen maritime union negotiations with ship owners.

The executive body, in recommending the step to member unions of the CMU, said that the resignation of co-chairman Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, had "rendered the CMU ineffective for all practical purposes."

Harry Bridges, West coast OTO longshoremen's leader and the other co-chairman of CMU, was among the executive committee members who signed the recommendation on which the union members will act.

The statement said that maritime workers were "in desperate need of a unity program to help them to meet a shipowners offensive on June 15."

"We believe that the CMU on its record could have been the medium for establishing effective unity against the shipowners," the statement said. "However, we must recognize that certain developments in recent weeks require a full analysis and a frank re-examination of CMU perspectives."

RENDERED INEFFECTIVE

The statement said Curran's reasons for resigning had been carefully reviewed and were "found to have no substantial foundation in fact."

"In the light of the resignation of Curran, and the confusion and disunity which currently exists within the NMU on this question," said the statement, "the executive committee of the CMU has concluded that it can do little beyond giving formal recognition to the regrettable fact that Curran's resignation has rendered the CMU in-

effective for all practical purposes."

Curran asserted when he resigned late last year that the CMU had created friction between CIO and AFL unions and he criticized the committee's strike strategy.

The executive committee's statement said that the recommendation was its "final action."

It recommended the cancellation of the scheduled March 15 confer-

ence of CMW unions.

Signers of the recommendation in addition to Bridges were: Joseph P. Selly, American Communications Association; Capt. John Fox, Inland Boatman's Union; Hugh Bryson, National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards; Randolph Meriwether, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association of the Pacific Coast and Ferdinand Smith of the National Maritime Union.

Frankfeld Cleared On Old Dies Charge

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Phil Frankfeld today was devoting full time to his duties as chairman of the Communist Party in Maryland and the District of Columbia after being cleared of a six-year-old contempt-of-Congress charge.

The case was a hangover from a 1940 hearing of the Dies Un-American Committee. Asked his name when he took the witness stand, Frankfeld refused to answer and was

cited for contempt.

Federal Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut dismissed the case after Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles Murray admitted the charge was doubtful and moved for dismissal.

The action concluded court consideration of five Dies Committee cases of contempt, which involved refusal of defendants to give names of Communists to the Congressmen. They charged the committee would use the names for a blacklist.

Two of the defendants, George Powers and Thomas O'Dea, were fined \$150 each after pleading nolo contendere (no contest). Albert Blumberg was fined \$250 after a jury trial.

Another jury declared George Dolson not guilty.

Nowell

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I cannot witness in silence your indescribably shameful persecution of this outstanding German anti-fascist.

"I have repeatedly observed how your un-American Committee carefully avoided prosecuting American fascists while sedulously persecuting American anti-fascists.

"In 1939 I called your attention to the case of the Russian fascist émigré, Anastase Vonsiatsky. He was then operating in this country as an agent of the German and Japanese Intelligence Services. He was disseminating Nazi propaganda and was drilling an armed band of stormtroopers on his Connecticut estate, which was used as a rendezvous for Axis spies.

"I submitted to your Committee, among other documentary material, evidence that Vonsiatsky had participated in a number of torture-murders before coming to this country.

"But Vonsiatsky was not Eisler. Vonsiatsky was a fascist, not an anti-fascist. So your Committee took no action whatsoever against Vonsiatsky. . . ."

Mrs. Gerhart Eisler will tell the story her husband was prevented from presenting to the House un-American Committee at Brown Hall, Boston, Feb. 14, where her husband had been scheduled to speak under the auspices of the Progressive Bookshop.

She will appear with Carol King, Eisler's attorney, at Musician's Hall, Philadelphia, Feb. 12.

In agreeing to speak in place of her husband, Mrs. Eisler said: "Gerhart believes they locked him up to keep him from speaking, writing, defending himself before the American people. Somebody should be allowed to present the true facts."

Say McNutt Will Quit As Envoy to Manila

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters predicted today that Paul V. McNutt will resign as ambassador to the Philippines Republic about March 15.

Reply to Stone

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J. Parnell Thomas, or J. Edgar Hoover.

AS FOR THE KREMLIN, I would be surprised if it were not thinking seriously about the Eisler case. The frame-up of Eisler, on the eve of the Moscow conference shows the Kremlin how rabid and desperate some circles of American reaction are becoming.

No doubt, Stalin is interested to observe that responsible governmental figures have not put any muzzle on the un-American Committee. Slanders against Russia have a diplomatic meaning, too.

That has no bearing on the stand of American Communists, who do not, and do not need to look to Moscow for understanding and advice on what the Eisler case means. Anybody who says so is a liar; such lies should be left to a Budenz and a Fischer. They are unbecoming to I. F. Stone.

Let me say in conclusion that Mr. Stone need not worry so much about us Communists being illegalized, as though he fears that is the way the Hoovers and Thomases will get after him.

We are not going to be illegalized quite so easily—and the current war of nerves does not frighten either.

Whether I. F. Stone will fight—legally or otherwise—is up to himself, and I would like to believe that he is a fighter.

But last Sunday's PM piece reveals that instead of giving American Communists advice, he will do well to make sure that his own mind is clear. In every battle, a good rule is to know which side you're firing from.



by BARNARD RUBIN

THE trial of the Columbians which will start tomorrow should, or will reveal direct tie-ups between members of that organization—and the Nazis!

These links extend to two mid-western cities. . . .

A SIX cent fare is being pushed by Deputy Commissioner William Reid, member of the Mayor's special three-man transit committee to study the fare problem. His recommendation is embodied in a report which will be made public any day now. . . .

TOWN TALK

Toscannini's burst of temperament at a recent Victor recording of himself conducting the 100-man NBC orchestra is said to have cost him \$5,000. Everything was all set when the Maestro let loose, upsetting the expensive arrangements. . . .

Michele Morgan leaving for Paris soon to do a French film about Joan of Arc. . . .

David Selznick also hopping on the Maid's bandwagon with a production which will star Jennifer Jones as Joan. (Neither production has anything to do with the Maxwell Anderson show). . . .

Clifford Odets' one-man art exhibit features a painting of a Red Cat which has had hundreds of spectators wondering as to its significance. The Red Cat, to Odets, symbolizes the Un-American Committee. . . .

The Screen Cartoonists Guild starting a drive to organize the Terrytoon outfit in the East. . . .

The same union recently gained a 25 percent raise from the Famous Studios for the Popeye cartoon workers. . . .

James Thurber, God's gift to American wit, is being urged by his Connecticut friends to run for political office there. . . .

Kurt Weill and other famous musicians are rushing to the aid of Hans Eisler who is being given the business by Hollywood magnates for his courageous defense of brother Gerhart. . . .

Bernard Baruch's atomic bomb policy, which so pleases native American war-makers, has encouraged local fascists to the point where he himself is becoming the butt of those sinister forces which support the "drop the bomb on Russia" mania.

None of the newspapers reported the fact that after Baruch gave his testimony at the recent Senate Committee hearing, a leader of the Mothers of America approached him and told him amiably, "When we get into power, we'll wipe out Jews like you, anyway." . . .

Peter Lind Hayes, who became one of the nation's biggest comedy finds after leaving the Army, will soon go to Hollywood to star for Universal-International in Peabody's Mermade. . . .

Richard Baer, former Mercury Theatre production aide and wartime director of Army theatricals will be dialogue director for Warner Brothers version of The Voice of the Turtle. . . .

Joan McCracken wants to play the lead in Theatre UBU's production of existentialist Jean-Paul Sartre's "The Respectful Prostitute." Theme is racial prejudice and how it affects people guilty of it. Theatre UBU is under the management of the president of the New Society for Art and Literature, Inc. which publishes View magazine. . . .

Jose Ferrer talking of directing a show for the Experimental Theatre. . . .

Sam Goldwyn, in an interview some time ago told Ward Morehouse of the Sun about a plan to give all his old employees stock in his business. The old employees are now wondering whatever happened to the idea. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

Both the current Fortune magazine and Ellery Queen's Mystery magazine disgrace themselves with Negro-mocking. The former is running a full page ad of the Goodrich Chemical Co. featuring a ridiculed Negro porter, and the latter a story by Cornell Woolrich which burlesques a Negro newsboy. Cheap stuff.

The Ellery Queens aren't supposed to be bad guys—but they may find themselves being marked lousy running stuff like that—and pushing anti-semitic Agatha Christie. . . .

Harry Raymond, reporter for your favorite paper, does a book review column for the Knights of Magic magazine. Harry, if you don't know, is an accomplished magician in his own right. . . .

In the musical world, stories about orchestra leader H. Leopold Spitalny (Phil's brother) out-Goldwyn Sam the movie-man.

Once when Spitalny was extremely irritated at what he thought was a bad rehearsal, he launched into a long lecture winding up with an agonized wail: "Boys," he whined, "for ten years I've taught you everything I know. And now, what do you know—NOTHING!" . . . (All rights reserved)

MISSOURI CP FIGHTS TO FREE ROSSEN

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Feb. 9.—A Communist Party delegation was spurned by Acting Mayor Hortenstein in its demand for the release of John Rossen, now serving a 70 day sentence in the City workhouse, on a conviction of peace disturbances arising out of the demonstration against Gerald L. K. Smith last summer.

The delegation, led by Ralph Shaw, state president of the Party and Louise Rossen, wife of the imprisoned Communist leader, demanded that Hortenstein rescind the fine and release Rossen. Hortenstein refused to discuss the matter and told the group to put its demands in writing.

Commenting on Rossen's imprisonment, Shaw stated, "We feel that

the Mayor Kaufmann's administration is responsible. It is the Mayor and his Auditorium Commission, who sided with Gerald L. K. Smith, and gave him the Auditorium to spew his anti-Semitic and anti-Negro poison. It is the Mayor's prosecutor who is persecuting the anti-fascist veterans. If it was correct to carry a gun and shoot the Nazis in Germany, what is wrong with demonstrating against them here at home?

"Mayor Kaufmann and his administration are following very closely in the footsteps of the notorious Republican Mayor Victor Miller. The people ought to know it."

The Communist Party's delegation

rejected Mr. Hortenstein's argument that "only the Governor of the State of Missouri has the authority to pardon" the imprisoned World War II Veteran-Communist.

Out of the Fire, Into the . . .

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A \$10,000 fire, starting from a defective oil burner, badly damaged two stores and sent seven members of one family fleeing into sub-zero weather early today.

The flames swept through a story frame store-apartment building near the business district.